

# **BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS**

## **SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**JANUARY 8, 2013**

**The following is a summary of the January 8, 2013 Meeting:**

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:04 AM by Randy Moore, Chairman. Members present were Randy Moore, Joseph Buchanan, Arvil McConnell, Jr., Gerald Kendrick and Ricky O'Quinn. Also present were Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator, Sharon Pigeon, Sr. Assistant Attorney General and Bradley Lambert, Deputy Director, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Randy Moore, Chairman.**
- III. Motion made and seconded to accept January 8, 2013, meeting agenda and approve December 4, 2012, meeting summary. All members were in favor to approve.**
- IV. Review of Virginia Substance Abuse Cases (Closed Session)**

**Of the cases that resulted in hearings, evidence was taken by the Board in closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(4) and 45.1-11.35(E). In the closed session, the Board worked out agreements, allowing individuals to return to work conditionally, and took other disciplinary actions including revocation of all certifications held by miners.**

### **V. Open Agenda**

**Board Administrator Mary Gibson informed the Board of a request to DMME for funds from Marlene Stanley who operates D.A.R.T "Drop-In Center", an "outreach program" that is utilized by some of the Board's clients who are in treatment with Substance Abuse Treatment Providers who administer DM's program. The Board agreed that the limited funds that are available to assist the miners cannot be allocated to assist outreach programs due to quick depletion. Ms. Gibson will draft a letter with this response for signature from the Board Chairman. Some Board members stated that any additional grant funds that may be secured should be used to assist the miners toward more payment of services required during their substance abuse agreements with the Board.**

**The Board agreed that a letter should be drafted and sent to the Attorney General's Office to request that the Office consider the Board of Coal Mining**

**Examiners as a candidate to receive funding under the settlement agreement with Pfizer due to unlawful marketing of zyvox and lyrica drugs.**

**Chairman Moore stated that currently there are no proposed coal mine safety legislation changes for the new general assembly session.**

**VI. Next Meeting**

**Next meeting will be February 5, 2013.**

**VII. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.**